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In re Patent Application of:
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For: LAYER ARRANGED ON IMPLANT FOR
BONE OR TISSUE STRUCTURE, SUCH AN
IMPLANT, AND A METHOD FOR
APPLICATION OF THE LAYER

Examiner: E. C. Robert

RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application, the Applicants responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.